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SUBJ: ARAB GROUP APPROVES TEXT OF DOCUMENTS REQUESTING
INSCRIPTION OF PALESTINE ITEM

REF: USUN 3106

1. FULL ARAB GROUP SEPT 11 APPROVED, WITH MINOR CHANGES,
PLO DRAFT OF LETTER AND ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM TO SYG
REQUESTING INCLUSION OF SEPARATE ITEM ON 29TH GA
AGENDA ENTITLED "THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE." TEXT OF
DOCUMENTS IN PARA. 5.

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2. EGYPTIAN AND LEBANESE MISSIONS HAVE BRIEFED US ON

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DECISIONS TAKEN AT ARAB GROUP MEETING. DAYS AHEAD
WILL BE DEVOTED TO OBTAINING LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER
OF CO-PROPOSERS FOR ITEM. THIS TAKS HAS BEEN GIVEN
LEBANESE PERMREP GHORRA, THIS MONTH'S ARAB GROUP
CHAIRMAN. GHORRA WILL CONTACT OTHER REGIONAL GROUP
CHAIRMEN, TO CONVEY ARABS' REQUEST FOR COSPONSORSHIP.

3. ARABS EXPECT 50 TO 70 STATES, IN ADDITION TO 20
ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS, WILL JOIN IN PROPOSING ITEM. THEY
THINK ALMOST ALL AFRICANS, MANY LATINS AND ALL EAST
EUROPEANS WILL AGREE. INTERESTINGLY, NO WEST EUROPEANS
HAVE BEEN ASKED DIRECTLY TO CONSPONSOR, THOUGH SUCH
REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE OF SOVIETS AND CHINESE. (LATTER
TWO EXPRESSED SUPPORT, BUT SAID THEY WOULD HAVE
TO REFER TEXTS TO THEIR GOVTS. CHINESE DEL'S MAIN
INTEREST WAS REPORTEDLY WHETHER SOVIETS INTENDED CO-
SPONSOR.) EGYPTIAN MISOFF NOTED THAT GOE HAD APPROACHED
FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS IN CAPITALS, BUT WESTERN GOVTS
WERE ASKED ONLY FOR GENERAL SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING
OF ARAB POSITION ON PALESTINE.

4. ARAB GROUP HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO ASK FOR
INSCRIPTION IN PLENARY. EGYPTIAN MISOFF WAS AWARE
SPECIAL PROBLEM EXISTED IN PLENARY REGARDING PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPATION SINCE, UNLIKE GA COMMITTEES, THERE IS NO
PRECEDENT FOR PARTICIPATION BY NON-STATES MEMBERS.
HOWEVER, HE SHRUGGED OFF PROBLEMS WITH REMARK THAT
"GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS MASTER OF ITS OWN HOUSE."

5. THERE FOLLOW TEXTS OF DRAFT LETTER TO SYG (A)
AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (B).

(A) YOUR EXCELLENCY,

UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS,
WE HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST, AS AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT
MATTER, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 15 OF THE RULES OF PRO-
CEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA
OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AN
ADDITIONAL ITEM ENTITLED:- "THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE".
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AN EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS
REQUEST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 20 OF THE RULES
OF PROCEDURE. 10TH SEPTEMBER 1974

H.E. MR. KURT WALDHEIM
SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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(B) EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY SEIZED WITH THE PROBLEM OF PALESTINE SINCE APRIL 1947. IN CONSEQUENCE OF SOME OF THE EARLY RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THIS ISSUE, A GREAT NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED AND FORCED TO ENDURE THE STATUS OF REFUGEES; AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM EXERCISING ITS INALIENABLE RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE RECOGNIZED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

NEVERTHELESS, FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE AS SUCH AND THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS AND FATE OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AS SUCH HAVE NOT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA OF ANY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EVEN THOUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE DEALT WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS, RAMIFICATIONS OR CONSEQUENCES OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD.

SINCE 1948, HOWEVER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS RECOGNIZED AND REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINE REFUGEES TO REPATRIATION, AND SINCE 1970, IT HAS RECOGNIZED AND REAFFIRMED THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE INCLUDING ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. IN ADDITION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS, IN RECENT YEARS, RECOGNIZED THESE RIGHTS THROUGH VARIOUS FORMS.

AS THE UNITED NATIONS BEARS SINCE ITS INCEPTION AN HISTORIC POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING THE PROBLEM
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OF PALESTINE IT IS, THEREFORE, INCUMBENT UPON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE IN ITS TRUE NATURE AND PROPER FORM, AND TO INSCRIBE AN ITEM ENTITLED "THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE" AS A SEPARATE ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF ITS 29TH SESSION.
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